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A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) It has been decided that higher falling shutters would be of little use, and that the best way to give an increased supply to the delta would be to alter the shutter pivots so as to let them fall with greater head and to provide travelling cranes to lift the shutters more quickly. Detailed plans and estimates for this work have been called for from the Chief Engineer.

* Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" May I know from the hon. the Law Member whether the quantity of water can be increased without increasing the height of the shutters? The answer is that the height of the shutters will not be increased, and that arrangements can be made for an increased supply without shifting the old shutters. Will the quantity of water be increased by that means ? "

The hon Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" It is stated in the answer itself that it is considered that the best way to give an increased supply to the delta would be to alter the shutter pivots so as to let them fall with greater head and to provide travelling cranes to lift the shutters more quickly."

Irrigation projects in the East Godavari district.

* 838 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) besides Polavaram Island project what other projects are under contemplation in the East Godavari district ; and

(*b*) at what stage each such project is ?

A.—The following projects are under contemplation :—

(1) *Coringa Island Project.*—Under the consideration of the Board of Revenue.

(2) *Pottanur Project.*—Under consideration by the Government.

(3) *Torigedda Scheme.*—A report is awaited from the Chief Engineer on the question of reviving the scheme, which was previously abandoned.

(4) *Seethapalliyeru and Pamularu Projects.*—An investigation staff has been sanctioned and a report on the results of the investigation is awaited.

Low water-level in the Periyar lake and its causes.

* 839 *Q.*—Mr. L. K. TULASIRAM : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what was the water-level in the Periyar lake at the end of the last irrigation season, i.e., 13th March 1927 ;

(*b*) what was the lowest water-level ever recorded previous to that date ;

(*c*) if the water-level in the Periyar lake at the end of the last irrigation season was lower than the lowest water-level ever recorded previously, whether the Government have examined the causes and taken steps to prevent its recurrence ;